

SIXTEENTH ASSEMBLY - NOMINATION FORM

This form is to be used for nominations for the **ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE**.
Before proposing a person or accepting nomination please read the information on the next pages.

Name of nominee:

Postal Address:

Email Address:

Mobile Phone:

Synod in which you live:

Ordained / Lay: (delete one)

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say/other

Under 25

Nominee holds a current Working With Children Check (or will hold a current Working With Children Check by the start of the first ASC meeting, 27-29 August 2021)**

Profile of nominee

(no more than 300 words. Dot points are an acceptable way for presenting material. Please provide a photo.)

Personal and church experience relevant to the position as well as their qualifications.

Contribution that the nominee can make to the life of the Assembly Standing Committee.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PERSONS CONSIDERING NOMINATION FOR THE ASC

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE (ASC)

Regulation 3.7.5.1(k) The Standing Committee shall:

- (i) transact such business as may be referred to it by the Assembly and such other business as may be required or be desirable to be done on behalf of the Assembly between meetings of the Assembly, except such as may be precluded by the Assembly;
- (ii) in order to assist the Assembly in its discernment, at least ten months prior to an Assembly meeting, advise the Church on the challenges and issues which may be faced by the President and the Assembly in the seven subsequent years;
- (iii) offer guidance to the President on priorities to be pursued, and the way in which the responsibilities named in Regulation 3.6.4.2 may be exercised, taking into account the particular gifts and graces of the President;
- (iv) report its decisions to Synods, Presbyteries and the next meeting of the Assembly.

The majority of the work of the ASC involves:

- oversight of Assembly Agencies;
- responding to changing legislative environments;
- identifying and responding to developing issues in the life of the church;
- developing regulations and policies for the church; and
- exercising governance responsibilities in relation to finance, risk and senior staff appointments.

Alongside this sits the role of:

- fulfilling the Constitutional responsibilities of the Assembly between meetings of the Assembly;
- encouraging and fostering the life and character of the church through giving attention to the Covenant with the UAICC;
- attending to issues of importance to the Church's culturally and linguistically diverse communities; and
- attending to the UCA's ecumenical relationships.

Dealing with referrals from the Assembly is only a small part of the role.

In order to grasp the significance, breadth and demanding range of tasks that fall to the ASC see report [B4].

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE

- Attend all meetings of the ASC each year, whether in person in Sydney, from Friday evening until 4.00pm Sunday, or online using videoconferencing.
- Be willing to participate as a member of a number of task groups during the triennium.
- Engage with the business in a well prepared manner.
- Be prayerful and participate with a desire to discern the will of Christ for his church.
- Participate in ways that are collaborative, collegial and respectful of others.
- To be a member of the Assembly corporate vehicle- UCA Assembly Ltd

WHAT TO EXPECT AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE

- Participate in an online meeting with members of the new ASC approximately 2 weeks after the online meeting of the Assembly, as part of your induction.
- Receive an induction pack with key documents and other information following the online Assembly meeting.
- Complete a skills matrix for you to identify specific skills you bring to the ASC at least three weeks prior to the first ASC meeting.
- A mentor/guide from an experienced ASC member; if you want one. Or the chance to mentor.
- Lots of stimulating, wide ranging, stretching and at times demanding work.
- A chance to lead, grow and offer your gifts in the service of the church.
- Meetings in Sydney from August 27 - 29 and November 12 - 14. **Keep these dates free now.**

SKILLS SOUGHT FROM ACROSS THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASC

No one member of the Standing Committee is expected to have capacities in all the areas of skill and character that are identified in the following lists. However across all the membership these are the attributes and skills that will best enable the ASC to fulfil its diverse and demanding role.

Members of Assembly voting for members of the Assembly are encouraged to have these things in mind when they exercise their role in establishing the next Assembly Standing Committee.

Expertise in Church matters

- Understanding of the context of the church today (e.g. the church's cultural, linguistic and theological diversity)
- Understanding and experience of the polity of the UCA
- Understanding and experience in thinking missionally
- Understanding and experience in thinking / reflecting theologically
- Able to hold together a holistic understanding of the nature of God's mission

Expertise in business

- Corporate Governance
- Strategic Planning
- Finance, Accounting, Investment
- Risk Management
- Legal Compliance
- Communication
- Understanding of the difference between Governance and Management
- Understanding and experience in thinking and working strategically

Personal qualities

- Willing to do significant work
- Ability to receive and assimilate information quickly
- Flexible & adaptable
- Sound / balanced judgment
- Comfortable with change (some would express this as say 'comfortable with ambiguity')
- Willingness / capacity to ask discerning questions – articulate
- Discernment

COMPLETING THE ASC NOMINATION FORM

- Relevant things to include are your faith journey, skills appropriate for the work of the ASC, relevant experience in the church and community, and professional qualifications.
- A comment on what contribution the nominee can make to ASC.
- Not relevant is age (apart from whether under 25), marital status and number of children.
- Dot points are an acceptable way to present the information.
- Current ASC members can answer questions that you may have (See Document **B4** for their names). Or you can make contact with your Synod Secretary.